Kuranda Scenic Railway

2026 to 2027

An unforgettable journey through ancient rainforest

Experience one of Australia's most spectacular rail journeys aboard Kuranda Scenic Railway. Travel through the heart of Din Din (Barron Gorge) National Park and discover the ancient tropical rainforest of Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Immerse yourself in the journey where breathtaking scenery, towering waterfalls and deep ravines unfold. Rising from sea level to 327 metres, the train winds its way through 15 handmade tunnels and over 55 bridges to the mountain village of Ngunbay (Kuranda), meaning 'place of the platypus'.

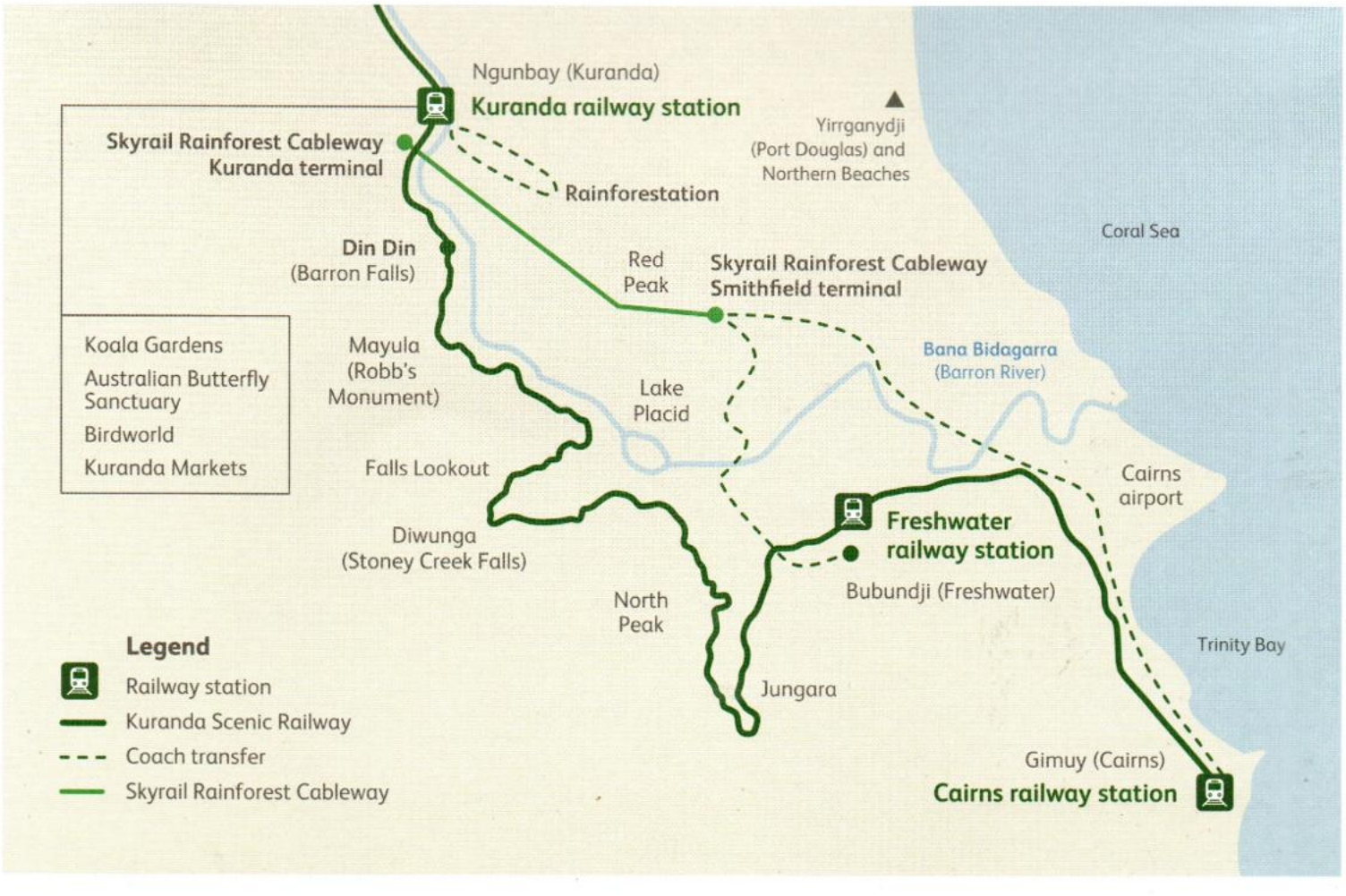
Step back in time as you travel in heritage carriages, some of which are more than 100 years old.

Hauled by 1720 class locomotives, they are adorned in the vibrant colours representing the story of Buda-dji from the Traditional Owners of the Country we travel through.

This heritage-listed railway line, which opened in 1891, is an engineering feat that has stood the test of time. Learn more about the cultural significance, history and points of interest with audio commentary on the train or via the app (audio and text).

This immersive journey takes approximately two hours one way. You can depart from Cairns, Freshwater or Kuranda railway stations. To enhance your experience, complement your railway adventure with one of our Kuranda day tour packages.

We acknowledge the Djabugay Bama, First Nations people, whose culture is entwined with the land you are travelling through. The waterways were created by Gudju Gudju the rainbow serpent who took the form of Buda-dji the carpet snake. In his travel, Buda-dji traded nautilus shells for half-moon bicornual baskets on the tableland, creating the Barron River and its waterways. The strength and identity of the Djabugay Bama law and lore live and breathe through these creation stories and Bulurru the spirit. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging. Gabun-gabun galin – go safely.



Kuranda Scenic Railway travel options

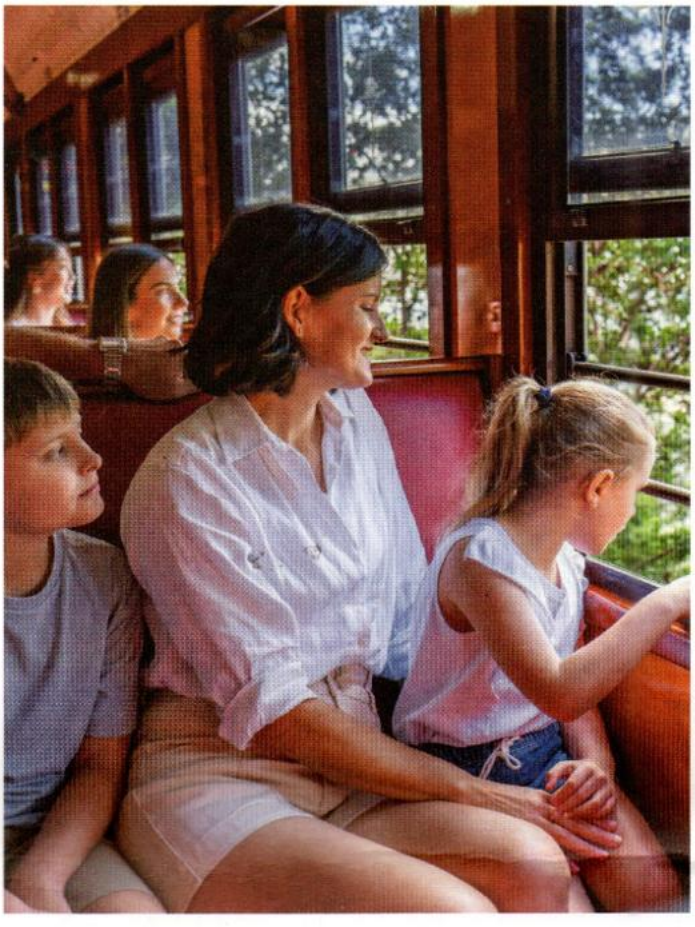
Heritage Class

Experience old-world charm while travelling in heritage timber carriages featuring bench-style seating. Be captivated by the stunning ancient tropical rainforest scenery and waterfall views through large open windows as you relax on board. Heritage Class is available daily on both services, in each direction.

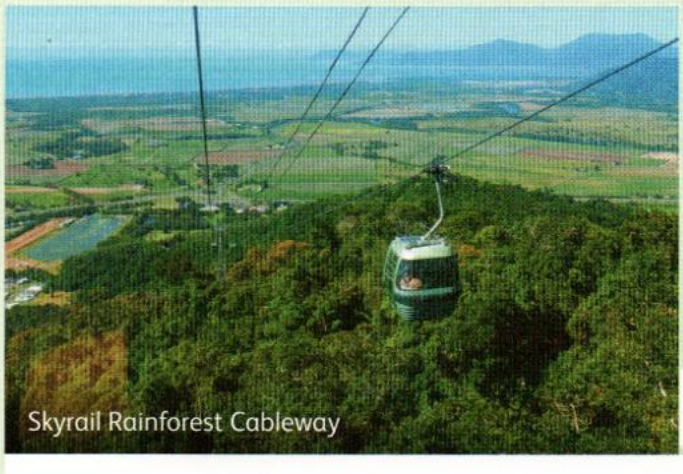
Your Heritage Class journey includes:

- souvenir trip guide
- onboard audio commentary
- photographic stop at Din Din (Barron Falls)
- filtered water
- commentary app available to download

Heritage Class fares	One-way	Return
Adult	$58.00	$87.00
Child (4 to 14 years)	$29.00	$43.50
Family^	$145.00	$217.50



Day tour packages



Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

Important information

If you are travelling **between 19 August and 25 October 2026,** day tour packages will operate with an altered return journey and pricing due to scheduled Skyrail Rainforest Cableway upgrade works.

Refer to the Skyrail upgrade period leaflet or scan the QR code for full details.

Kuranda Classic Experience

Spend a day in Kuranda to explore artisan shops, markets and attractions. Your day includes:

- Kuranda Scenic Railway journey from Cairns or Freshwater railway stations
- explore Kuranda village at leisure
- Skyrail Rainforest Cableway journey over the rainforest canopy. Includes a coach transfer from Skyrail Smithfield terminal back to your boarding station.

Skyrail Kuranda terminal departure times:
To Cairns station – 12.30, 2.30 or 3.30pm
To Freshwater station – 12.30, 1.30 or 3.30pm

Package price	Adult	Child	Family^
Heritage Class	$145.50	$79.50	$384.00
Gold Class	$202.50	$136.50	$612.00

Gold Class

Relax and enjoy the dedicated food and beverage service in Gold Class. The handcrafted carriages adorned with Victorian-inspired décor and comfortable individual lounge-style seats make this travel option unique. Gold Class is available on the second morning and afternoon departures.

Your Gold Class journey includes:

- welcome refreshment when joining at Freshwater or Kuranda railway stations
- locally-sourced appetisers and beverages
- souvenir trip guide and gift pack
- onboard audio commentary
- photographic stop at Din Din (Barron Falls)
- commentary app available to download

Gold Class fares	One-way	Return
Adult	$115.00	$201.00
Child (4 to 14 years)	$86.00	$157.50
Family^	$373.00	$673.50

Kuranda Wildlife Experience

Enjoy a day to discover Kuranda village and meet local wildlife. Your day includes:

- Kuranda Scenic Railway journey from Cairns or Freshwater railway stations
- entry to Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, Birdworld and Kuranda Koala Gardens
- join Skyrail Rainforest Cableway in the afternoon. Includes a coach transfer from Skyrail Smithfield terminal back to your boarding station.

Skyrail Kuranda terminal departure times:
To Cairns station – 2.30 or 3.30pm
To Freshwater station – 1.30 or 3.30pm

Package price	Adult	Child	Family^
Heritage Class	$211.50	$115.00	$551.50
Gold Class	$268.50	$172.00	$779.50

Kuranda Rainforest Experience

Immerse yourself in the ancient tropical rainforest of Australia's Wet Tropics. Your day includes:

- Kuranda Scenic Railway journey from Cairns or Freshwater railway stations
- 12.15pm coach pick up at Butterfly Sanctuary bus stop for transfer and entry to Rainforestation Nature Park, including an Army Duck tour, Koala and Wildlife Park and Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience
- join Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for a journey above the rainforest. Includes a coach transfer from Skyrail Smithfield terminal back to your boarding station.

Skyrail Kuranda terminal departure time:
To Cairns or Freshwater station – 3.30pm

Package price	Adult	Child	Family^
Heritage Class	$232.50	$132.50	$611.00
Gold Class	$289.50	$189.50	$839.00

Accessible travel

Check out our accessible information and resources online, including alternate formats like virtual or audio tours and Easy Reads. Find out more about assisted boarding and answers to our frequently asked questions. Scan the QR code or visit **ksr.com.au/accessibletravel**

Timetable

Kuranda Scenic Railway departs twice daily. Heritage Class is available on all services. Gold Class is only available on the second morning and afternoon departures. Please arrive at the railway station at least 30 minutes prior to departure.

To Kuranda railway station		
Fare type available	●	●▲
Depart Cairns railway station	8.30am	9.30am
Freshwater railway station	8.55am	9.55am
Arrive Kuranda railway station	10.25am	11.25am

From Kuranda railway station		
Fare type available	●	●▲
Depart Kuranda railway station	2.00pm	3.30pm
Freshwater railway station	3.32pm	5.02pm
Arrive Cairns railway station	3.55pm	5.25pm

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Plan your day

Our railway stations

Before your journey, visit our gift shops located at Freshwater and Kuranda railway stations, which offer a variety of exclusive souvenirs.

While at Kuranda railway station, visit the original Kuranda Tea Rooms located at the station for a range of refreshments, including our delicious mango smoothie or freshly baked scones with jam and cream.

Car parking

Free car parking is available at all railway stations. At Cairns railway station, please provide your vehicle registration number when collecting your rail ticket to validate your car parking ticket.

Prams and strollers

With limited space on board, prams and strollers must be a maximum height of 25cm when folded.

Our carriages

Please note, being a heritage railway, the carriages are not air-conditioned. However, they feature large open-air windows that allow you to experience the refreshing scents of the rainforest up close.

Kuranda Scenic Railway app

Download the Kuranda Scenic Railway multi-lingual commentary app to enjoy self-guided audio and text commentary. Available in English, German, Japanese and Mandarin.

Your travel agent:

Book your Kuranda Scenic Railway experience

Phone reservations open: 7am to 4.30pm AEST
Phone: **1800 577 245**
International: **+61 7 4231 9045**
Email: **ksrres@qr.com.au**

Cairns railway station
Bunda Street, Cairns
(behind Cairns Central Shopping Centre)

Freshwater railway station
Kamerunga Road, Freshwater

Kuranda railway station
Coondoo Street, Kuranda

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KURANDA EST 1891 SCENIC RAILWAY

Conditions apply. Prices are per person and quoted in AUD (Australian Dollars). Prices are valid from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and are subject to availability. Cancellation and booking conditions apply. Blackout dates: Kuranda Scenic Railway does not operate on 25 December or during planned maintenance closures, visit the Service Updates page on the website for details. Child fare is available for travellers 4 to 14 years of age (inclusive). Infants aged 0 to 3 years travel free of charge. ^Family fare applies to 2 adults and 2 children. Concession discounts available for Australian State Government or Territory Pension Concession Card or Seniors Card holders. Other discounts available, eligibility conditions apply. If you cannot find the fare you need, please contact reservations for a quote. Queensland Rail Travel reserves the right to make changes without notice. Images courtesy of Tourism and Events Queensland. Queensland Rail Limited ABN 71 132 181 090.

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